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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ET XF UN
SUBJECT: ANTI-ISRAELI ACTION IN UN: ETHIOPIA

1. AUGUST 1 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CARRIES FOLLOWING TEXT IN STORY ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF EPMG CHAIRMAN TEFERI WHILE IN KAMPALA. QUOTE WEDNESDAY NIGHT GEN. TEFERI RECEIVED MR. YASSER ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF
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THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). MR. ARAFAT, WHO

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REQUESTED THE MEETING, BRIEFED GEN. TEFERI ON THE HISTORY OF THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE AND THE PROBLEM PRESENTLY FACING THE PLO. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT THE ERITREAN QUESTION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND THAT MR. ARAFAT EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE AND THAT PROGRESSIVE ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD ASSIST IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS SOLUTION. THE PLO LEADER LATER THANKED THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS STAND ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS WAS CLEARLY STATED IN THE SPEECH GEN. TEFERI DELIVERED AT THE OAU SUMMIT EARLIER WEDNESDAY. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE HOPE TO OBTAIN AND REPORT ADDITIONAL INFO AFTER ETHIOPIAN DEL RETURNS FROM KAMPALA. MEANWHILE, IF ARAFAT DID IN FACT HOLD OUT HOPE OF MORE MODERATE STANCE TOWARD ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT ETHIOPIA, IN RETURN, MAY HAVE HAD TO GO BEYOND ITS STANDARD BUT PROFORMA VERBAL SUPPORT FOR ARABS IN MID EAST CONTEXT. IF MOFA SOURCE HAD NOT HINTED THAT EPMG HAS REGISTERED "RESERVATIONS" AT KAMPALA ON OAU DRAFT RESO IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL'S EXPLUSION FROM UNGA, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO SPECULATE THAT ETHIOPIANS TRADED THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FOR PLO'S SUPPORT TO ADDIS ON ERITREA.
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